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SUBJECT: MURDER OF DIPLOMATS

I HAVE BEEN APPALLED BY THE FREQUENCY WITH WHICH I HAVE SEEN WIRE SERVICE STORIES, INCLUDING STORIES FILED BY AP AND INS, WHICH TERM THE MURDER OF DAN MITRIONE IN URUGUAY AS "EXECUTION" BY THE TUPAMAROS. THE USE OF THE WORD "EXECUTION", WHICH IS THE TERRORIST TERM, TENDS TO GIVE SOME AURA OF LEGALITY TO WHAT IS NOTHING MORE THAN A COMMAN CRIME AND SO CLASSIFIED BY THE OAS. WOULD IT NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO SUGGEST THAT THE INTEREST OF WORLD-WIDE UNDERSTANDING OF THESE MATTERS MIGHT BE PROMOTED IF THE WIRE SERVICE STORIES WOULD IN THEIR REPORTS CALL A SPADE A SPADE BY CALLING A MURDER A MURDER AND NOT AN "EXECUTION".
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